Lays down the Procedure *re:* correspondence between Government and Town Municipal Councils.

READ—

Government Order No. L. 250-9—Ml. 44-18-1, dated the 3rd July 1918, laying down instructions in the matter of the correspondence by or with the Municipal Councils.

2. Government Order No. L. 2078-85—Ml. 78-26-1, dated the 16th September 1926, authorising the submission direct to Government by the Presidents of the Town Municipal Councils in very urgent cases, copies of their communications, simultaneously with their transmission through the Deputy Commissioners of Districts and stating that the above instructions are in addition to those already issued in Government Order No. L. 250-9—Ml. 44-18-1, dated 3rd July 1918.

3. Government Order No. L. 293-303—Ml. 176-47-1, dated the 8th July 1948 authorising, in modification of the previous procedure, the Presidents of Town Municipalities in the State to correspond direct with the Government and to send simultaneously a copy of the communication to the Deputy Commissioners of the Districts concerned, etc.

4. Government Order No. L. 5580-5650—Ml. 151-48-3, dated the 24th November 1948, issuing a clarification on the Government Order dated 8th July 1948, read above, regarding the procedure to be adopted in respect of direct correspondence by the Town Municipal Councils.

5. Letter No. D3. 28—52-3, dated 5th August 1952, from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, soliciting instructions in the matter of carrying on correspondence with the Government by the Presidents of Town Municipal Councils reconstituted under the Town Municipalities Act, 1951.

ORDER NO. L. 14887-15002—ML. 163-52-4, DATED BANGALORE, THE 26TH NOVEMBER 1952.

In the Government Order dated 8th July 1948, read above, correspondence direct with Government by the Presidents of Town Municipalities in the State was authorised to avoid delay in the transmission of the proposals through the Deputy Commissioners of Districts and copies of such communications were required to be sent simultaneously to the Deputy Commissioners of the Districts concerned to enable them to exercise general supervision and control over the administration of the Town Municipalities within their jurisdiction.

2. This direct correspondence between Government and Town Municipal Councils has not only increased the work, but has not also given any advantage to the Municipalities, as greater delay is caused in bringing matters to disposal, owing to the fact that further information, reports and other details have to be called for from the Deputy Commissioners to complete the records. Consequent on the appointment of a Commissioner for Local Self-Government in Government Order No. L. 3764-3963—Ml. 129-51-1, dated 19th July 1951, authorising in Official Memorandum No. Ch.S. 8963-9062—Misc. 122-51-1, dated 20th December 1951, to exercise the powers referred to in Annexure I to Government Order No. C.S. 18629-728—C.B. 29-50-3, dated 28th March 1951, there are two offices in between the Government and the Town Municipal Councils, *i.e.*, Office of the Commissioner for Local Self-Government and the Deputy Commissioner. Those two offices will be out of the picture, if the direct correspondence is continued. It is also necessary that these offices are kept informed so as to exercise general supervision and control over the administration of Town Municipalities and give advice in matters of Municipal administration.

3. Therefore the direct correspondence between the Town Municipal Councils and the Government permitted in Government Orders dated 8th July 1948 and 24th November 1948, read above, has to be reduced as far as possible, so that the cases that come to Government may be worked up by the Deputy Commissioner and the Commissioner for Local Self-Government in Mysore in preliminary stages, so as to enable Government to pass orders early. Under Section 208 (2) (I) of the Town Municipalities Act of 1951, Government are pleased to direct that correspondence from the Presidents of Town Municipal Councils shall be forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner concerned in the first instance and in turn, the Deputy Commissioner after scrutiny may address the Commissioner for Local Self-Government in Mysore, Bangalore. The Commissioner for Local Self-Government

will forward the correspondence to the Government for final orders in matters which are beyond his powers of sanction.

4. Correspondence with other Officers of Government will, however, be carried on by the Presidents direct.

5. In very urgent cases, the Presidents of Town Municipal Councils are also authorised to forward direct to Government, copies of communications simultaneously with their transmission through the Deputy Commissioners and the Commissioner for Local Self-Government.

6. The officers concerned are requested to avoid delay in examining the proposals and their transmission to Government in the interest of quick and efficient administration.

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Secretary to Government,

Local Self-Government Department.

Issues orders *re*: the Delegation of certain Powers of Expenditure (1) to the Commissioner for Local Self-Government, (2) to the Deputy Commissioners of Districts, (3) to the Town Municipal Councils.

READ—

Government Order No. L. 5556-64—Ml. 174-31-1, dated 11th February 1932, delegating powers to the Deputy Commissioners of Districts in regard to the expenditure incurred by the Town and Minor Municipal Councils in the State.

2. Government Order No. L. 3046-102—Ml. 151-48-1, dated the 22nd September 1948, investing the Town Municipal Councils with the power to incur certain items of expenditure out of their funds, subject to restrictions and limitations prescribed therein.

3. Government Order No. L. 3103-13—Ml. 151-48-2, dated the 22nd September 1948, investing the Deputy Commissioners of Districts with the power in regard to the expenditure incurred by the Minor Municipal Councils in the State.

4. Government Order No. L. 3764-3963—Ml. 129-51-1, dated 19th July 1951, appointing a Commissioner for Local Self-Government in Mysore, according to the provisions of the Town Municipalities Act of 1951.

5. Official Memorandum No. Ch.S. 8963-9062—M.I.S.C. 122-51-1, dated 20th December 1951, authorising the Commissioner for Rural Development and *Ex-officio* Commissioner for Local Self-Government to exercise the powers referred to in Government Order No. C.S. 18629-18728—C.B. 29-50-3, dated 28th March 1951.

ORDER NO. L. 14771-886—ML. 163-52-3, DATED BANGALORE, THE 26TH NOVEMBER 1952.

The appointment of the Commissioner for Local Self-Government in Government Order dated 19th July 1951 read above, has necessitated the issue of orders defining the powers of the Town Municipal Councils, Deputy Commissioners of Districts and the Commissioner for Local Self-Government in Mysore, for expediting the business of the Municipal administration. The powers delegated to the Deputy Commissioners of Districts under Minor Municipalities Act of 1933 in Government Order dated 22nd September 1948 read above are found to be inadequate owing to the introduction of the Mysore Town Municipalities Act of 1951, by which all Municipal Councils are treated as Town Municipal Councils, as against Minor and Town Municipal Councils, that were existing prior to 6th July 1951, the date of the introduction of the Mysore Town Municipalities Act, 1951.